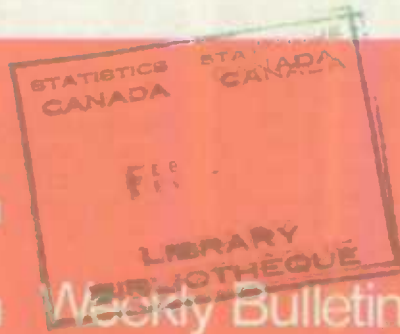


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Labour Force

Employment level, January, 9,812,000 compared with 9,365,000 in 1978. Unemployment: 977,000, the same as last year. The unemployment rate: 9.1 (9.4 in January 1978). The participation rate was 61.5 against 60.0 and the employment/population ratio 55.9 compared with 54.3.

Seasonally-adjusted, employment rose to 10,232,000 from 10,142,000 in December. The increase occurred in all four main age/sex groups: men 15-24, 21,000; women 15-24, 23,000; men 25 and over, 22,000; women 25 and over, 24,000.

The seasonally-adjusted unemployment level: 897,000, virtually unchanged from December. The level increased by 10,000 among men 25 years and over and showed small decreases in the three remaining main groupings. Unemployment increased in Québec (10,000) and Nova Scotia (5,000) and decreased in British Columbia (9,000) and Alberta (3,000). Other provinces showed little or no change.

The seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate remained at 8.1 between December 1978 and January 1979. The rate decreased by 0.3 for both men and women 15-24 and by 0.2 for women 25 and over, increasing by 0.2 for men 25 years and over.

For further information, order the January 1979 issue of the Labour Force (71-001, 55¢/\$5.50).

Crude Petroleum/Natural Gas

Crude petroleum production, October, averaged 1,479,000 barrels/day (235 000 cubic metres/day), up 7.9% from 1,370,400 (217 700) in 1977. Net new production of natural gas averaged 9,276,700 Mcf./day (262 800 000 cubic metres/day), down 3.9% from 9,651,100 (273 400 000).

For further information, order the October 1978 issue of Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production (26-006, 30¢/\$3).

Television Sets

Manufacturers' December domestic sales of "Made in Canada" colour television sets fell to 11,967 from 13,043 in November.

For further information, order the December 1978 issue of Radio and Television Receiving Sets (43-004, 30¢/\$3), or contact Raj Sehdev (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

		Previous Month	% Change From Year Ago
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Nov. 272.38p	272.01r	6.3
Labour Income (\$ million)	Nov. 11,384.3p	11,409.6r	9.7
Persons with Jobs (million)	Jan.* 9.81	10.14	4.8
Unemployed	Jan.* 977,000	870,000	0.0

INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	Nov. 2,389.9p	2,416.3p	9.1
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Nov. 20,175.7p	19,854.8r	9.6
Wholesale (\$ million)	Oct. 8,262.0	8,213.7	11.3

ORDERS

Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Nov. 12,405.8p	12,665.4r	26.8
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Nov. 13,126.4p	13,011.6r	27.5

PRICES

Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	Dec. 181.3	180.8	8.4
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	Dec.* 195.8	195.3	0.3
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	Dec.* 643.3	639.9	0.5

CONSTRUCTION

		Year-to-date	
Building Permits (\$ million)	Nov. 977.8	12,014.2	3.9
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Dec. 12,034	178,678	-10.7

ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand tons)	Oct. 2,881.7	27,340.4	5.1
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	Oct. 27.6	272.6	6.4
Natural Gas Production (billion cu. ft.)	Oct. 287.6p	2,837.9p	-3.7
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	Nov. 59.9	600.9	0.2

FOREIGN TRADE

Exports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	Dec. 4,587p	52,606p	19.0
Imports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	Dec. 4,251p	49,605p	18.0

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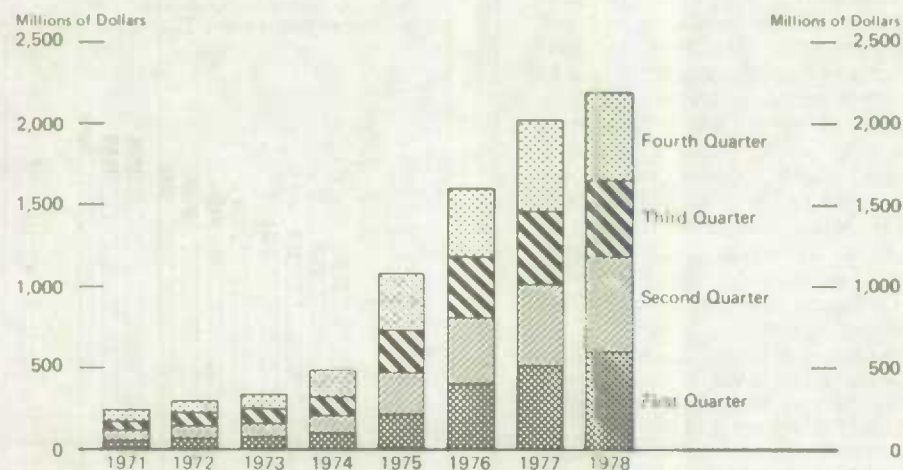
Steel (ingots — thousand tons)	Jan.* 1,518.9	1,518.9	15.9
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SALES

Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Nov. 831.4p	6,489.6p	10.2
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Nov. 12,291.0p	118,969.9p	18.2
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Dec.* 581.1	9,648.5	12.9
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Nov. 6,233.8p	61,465.0p	12.2
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Nov. 5,712.2	57,069.8	11.5

Statistics are not seasonally adjusted. p - preliminary. r - revised. * - new this week.

Canadian Exports of Natural Gas to the United States



Source: Summary of External Trade (65-001)

International Travel

Preliminary statistics for 1978 have 31.6 million United States visitors counted (down 0.6% from 1977) and 1.7 million from other countries (up 17.5). Residents returning from the U.S. fell 1.6% to 37.3 million and those returning from other countries rose 1.8% to 1.8 million. Long-term traffic from the U.S. declined only slightly (0.5%) to 12.0 million and long-term visitors from elsewhere increased 15.7% to 1.4 million. U.S. long-term automobile traffic decreased 2.5% to 8.7 million due to a drop of 3.1% to 7.0 million in the two-or-more-nights category. Non-automobile traffic rose 4.9% to 3.4 million (plane traffic: 1.7 million, up 4.6%). Canadian long-term traffic from the U.S. fell 1.2% to 11.9 million re-entries. An increase of 6.3% to 3.6 million in long-term Canadian non-automobile traffic accompanied a decrease of 4.1% to 8.3 million in long-term automobile traffic.

December 1978 saw 1.6 million U.S. visitors, up 5.8% from 1977, and 2.2 million residents returning from the U.S., up 1.4%. Visitors from elsewhere totalled 78,700, up 14.7%, and residents returning rose 15.3% to 94,300.

For further information, order the December 1978 issue of *International Travel — Advance Information* (66-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact M. Valiquette (613-995-0847), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Federal Government Expenditure on Culture 1976-77

Out of a total expenditure of \$817 million by the federal government on cultural activities, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation accounts for \$542.0 million (66.3%). Expenditures on cultural activities take about 2.1% of the total budgetary expenditures of the federal government compared with expenditures on transportation and communications of 6.5%, on health and welfare of 35.4% and education 2.2%.

With the exclusion of the expenditures of the CBC, "other" and "administration" expenditures account for 33.1%, leaving \$184.1 million (66.9%) for cultural activities. Expenditures on current grants for performing arts account for 37.7% of the total current grants of the federal government for cultural activities. The entire expenditure for literary arts is devoted to current grants. Current operating expenditures (\$640.8 million) account for 78.4% of the total expenditures of the federal government on cultural activities, capital expenditures account for (\$117.8 million) 14.4% and current grants (\$53.7 million) 6.6%.

Abstracted from *Culture Statistics Service Bulletin Vol. 1, No. 7* (87-001, \$1.40 yearly). For further information, contact N. Verma (613-593-6862), the Cultural Analysis Section, Education, Science and Culture Division, Statistics Canada.

Provincial Economic Accounts

The publication *Provincial Economic Accounts, 1962-1977* contains tables detailing provincial gross domestic product and expenditure at market price as well as government revenue, expenditure and surplus or deficit by level of government. In addition, there are seven tables providing detail on government revenue and expenditure and estimates of personal income and saving by province.

For further information, contact Joel Diena (613-995-0611), Gross National Product Division, Statistics Canada, or order *Provincial Economic Accounts, 1962-1977* (catalogue 13-213, \$2.80). To obtain these data from CANSIM on magnetic tape or computer printouts contact Mrs. Debbie Day (613-995-7406), CANSIM staff, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z8.

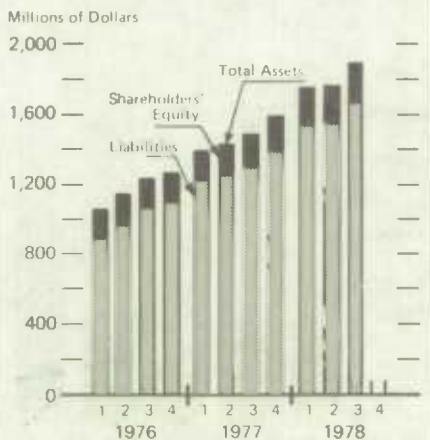
Farm Cash Receipts

Farmers' cash receipts from 1978 farming operations totalled \$11,879.5 million compared with \$10,136.6 million in 1977. Receipts from farming operations by province with 1977 comparisons in brackets: Prince Edward Island \$96.9 million (\$88.5 million), Nova Scotia \$143.9 million (\$127.5 million), New Brunswick \$118.2 million (\$109.2 million), Québec \$1,647.7 million (\$1,425.7 million), Ontario \$3,349.3 million (\$2,857.9 million), Manitoba \$1,129.6 million (\$898.9 million), Saskatchewan \$2,509.9 million (\$2,141.0 million), Alberta \$2,236.1 million (\$1,986.1 million), British Columbia \$557.9 million (\$501.8 million).

For further information, order the January-December 1978 issue of *Farm Cash Receipts* (21-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact P. Lys (613-995-4895), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Real Estate Investment Trusts

Quarterly Statements of Estimated Assets, Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity



Source: Financial Institutions, Financial Statistics (61-006)

Corporation Taxation Statistics

Preliminary 1977 estimates of taxable income show a marginal increase of 1% to \$17,235 million, reflecting the slowdown in economic activity and effects of new legislation. Alberta recorded the highest rate of growth as taxable income rose 13% to \$3,672 million, mainly attributable to higher prices and production in the mineral fuels industry (up \$273 million). British Columbia climbed 6% to \$1,966 million led by increases in forestry and wood products stemming from increased housing starts in the United States. The Atlantic provinces rose 4% with Newfoundland up 12%, Nova Scotia 6%, New Brunswick down 2% and Prince Edward Island unchanged. Ontario and Québec recorded declines of 3% and 4%. Ontario's most significant decrease in metal mining (down 50%) lay in nickel mining. In Québec, decreases in most manufacturing industries contributed. Taxable income in Manitoba and Saskatchewan fell 8%.

Income taxes declared by corporations in Canada (excluding insurance carriers and credit unions) declined to \$6,757 million in 1976 from \$7,007 million in 1975.

The main reason for the decline in income taxes was the continuing lacklustre performance of corporation book profits before taxes which, in 1976, grew only 3% after a drop of 2% in the preceding year. The federal budgets of June 1975 and May 1976 provided for several important changes affecting the taxation of corporations in 1976, especially corporations in the resource industries. Small businesses benefited from a change which raised the small business deduction limit to \$150,000 from \$100,000. This, in effect, extended the 25% tax rate to the first \$150,000 of taxable income. It was instrumental in increasing the small business deduction by \$58 million bringing the total tax relief to small Canadian-controlled private businesses to \$738 million in 1976. For large firms, in sectors other than mining and manufacturing, the general rate of taxation was reduced one percentage point to 46% of taxable income. As well, 1976 marked the first full year of the 5% investment tax credit introduced in June 1975. This tax credit generally enabled firms to deduct from tax otherwise payable an amount equal to 5% of their capital cost of new buildings, machinery and equipment used in manufacturing and processing operations. In 1976 this incentive eased the burden of taxation by some \$113 million. Taxable income (the tax base) fell 2% to \$17,091 million in 1976 with individual industries varying widely. Decreases were experienced in just under one-third of the industries with the largest occurring in metal mining (49%) and in petroleum and coal products (43%), primarily due to changing tax legislation. Notable increases were posted in wood (63%), transport equipment (40%), and other mining (30%).

Further details will be contained in the 1976 issue of *Corporation Taxation Statistics* (61-208, \$2.10). For additional information, contact L.A. Bowen (613-996-6190).

Key Economic Series

During February, release of key economic series data is to be as outlined below. Where a range of dates applies, this represents the period within which publication can be reasonably expected given the circumstances peculiar to each series. (A range may be exceeded on occasion.)

February 15 to 19: Retail Trade, December

February 16 to 19: Consumer Credit, December

February 16 to 20: Wholesale Trade, December

February 16 to 22: Index of Industrial Production, December

February 19: The Consumer Price Index, January

February 19 to 23: Industrial Corporations Financial Statistics (Preliminary Data), fourth quarter 1978

February 20 to 21: Inventories, Shipments and Orders, December

February 22 to 27: Labour Income, December

February 22 to March 2: Gross National Product, fourth quarter 1978

February 26 to March 2: Employment, Earnings and Hours, December

February 26 to March 2: Private and Public Investment in Canada, Outlook 1979

February 26 to March 9: Unemployment Insurance Statistics, December

February 27 to March 5: Real Domestic Product, December

The preliminary statement of trade for January will be released on March 6.

Due to year-end closing, the advance release on the issuance of building permits for December will be delayed until the middle of March.

For further information, contact Jack Kerr (613-992-1548), Production Planning and Scheduling Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Radio Broadcasting

October gross national radio air-time sales: \$10.3 million, up 14.4% from \$9.0 million in 1977 (after deductions of agency and other commissions: \$8.7 million, up 14.5% from \$7.6 million). Net local air-time sales rose 14.3% to \$20.0 million from \$17.5 million.

Gross radio air-time sales, January-October: \$261.3 million against \$225.3 million a year earlier, up 16.0% (net sales: up 15.7% to \$243.0 million from \$210.0 million).

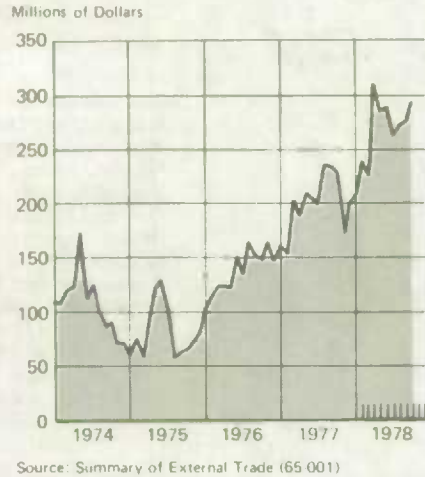
For further information, order the October 1978 issue of Radio Broadcasting (56-003, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact J.R. Slattery, (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Salt, 1978

Shipments of salt and salt content of brine increased to 827,336 short tons in December 1978 from 747,289 a year earlier, bringing 12 months' output to 7,112,422 short tons from 1977's 657,390.

For further information, order the December 1978 issue of Salt (26-009, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Canadian Exports of Lumber



Employment/Earnings/Hours

Industrial Composite Index of Employment, November: up 0.3% from October with only two industry divisions (mining and construction) and one region (British Columbia) not participating.

Detailed information for September and October will be published in the November 1978 issue of Employment, Earnings and Hours (72-002, 70¢/\$7), and is also available from R. Ouellette (613-992-5613).

Oil Pipeline Transport

Oil pipelines received 2,633,400 B/D (418 474 m3D) of crude oil, condensate, pentanes plus and refined petroleum product in November, up 1.4% from 2,595,900 (412 514) a year earlier. Domestic petroleum and products: up 4.0% to 2,375,900 B/D (377 554 m3D). Imported petroleum and products: down 17.4% to 257,400 B/D (40 903 m3D).

For further information, order the November 1978 issue of Oil Pipe Line Transport (55-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact G. Kitchen (613-992-4021).

Industry Selling Price

December's Industry Selling Price Index, manufacturing, rose 0.3% to 195.8 from revised November's 195.3, up 9.8% from 1977 (178.3). Major groups with most effect:

- Food and beverage group index rose 0.4% (3.1% for the fish products industry, 9.7% vegetable oil mills and 1.3% feed industry with a partially offsetting 0.5% decrease for slaughtering and meat processors)
- An increase of 0.6% in pulp and paper mills was mainly responsible for a rise of 0.5% in the paper and allied group index
- Primary metal group index rose 0.3% (0.5% for smelting and refining, 1.5% aluminum rolling, casting and extruding and 0.1% iron and steel mills).

For further information, contact the Information Unit (613-995-5738 or 5739), Industrial Prices Section, Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Construction/Special Trades, 1977

Preliminary information in the form of a bulletin is available free of charge concerning the "large firm" segment of the special trades contracting industry. Included are a series of financial and operational ratios covering contractors specializing in some 34 sub-industry groups such as plumbing, electrical, painting and decorating, glass and glazing. Total operating revenue: \$3.9 billion with the sample including some 2,120 establishments.

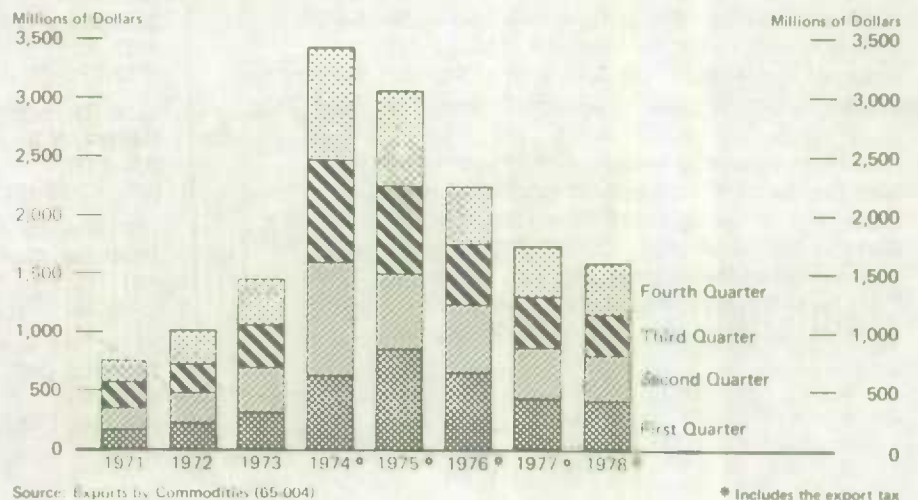
For further information, contact R. Dubeau, (613-995-8192), Construction Census Section, Construction Division.

Telephone Statistics

Thirteen major telephone systems' December revenues: \$389.2 million, up 14.2% from 1977. Operating expenses rose 17.1% to \$272.3 million, net operating revenue 7.9% to \$116.9 million and toll messages 6.7% to 90.3 million.

For further information, order Telephone Statistics, December 1978 (56-002, \$1.50 per year), or contact J.R. Slattery, (613-996-9274).

Canadian Exports of Crude Petroleum to the United States





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